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It is the opinion of myself and most of my colleagues that the Microsoft settlement as it currently stands is merely a slap on the wrist, and won't get anywhere in terms of actually stopping Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior.

What really needs to happen is the dissolution of the means by which Microsoft leverages its monopolies to elbow their way into other industries. The common Microsoft APIs must be forced to be public (and not through any expensive licensing either, MS's main competitors compete on service, not licensing), and file formats should be forced public (MS has long used file formats to keep a stranglehold on the office applications market). The only way I can see the file formats and APIs being opened in a way reasonable for competitors to use as well as MS itself is a break-up (which will level the playing field and remove the unfair MS advantage that they have been leveraging).